

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 370**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Election Protest		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 370 amends Title 7, Chapter 17 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 7-17-275, which provides for an award of reasonable cost and attorney fees associated with the defense of an election protest. The Bill also amends Title 7, Chapter 25 by adding Section 17-25-210 which provides civil immunity to poll workers who are acting in good faith in the performance of their duties.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates there will be a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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